THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, a significant number of teaching posts are lying vacant in some of the Central Universities, namely, Banaras Hindu University, University of Delhi, North-Eastern Hill University, Mizoram University, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya and University of Allahabad.

(c) and (d) While the UGC guidelines already permit re-employment of eligible teachers for upto three years on superannuation, there is a proposal for raising the general retirement age of teachers in centrally funded institutions from 62 to 65 years.

Leakage of examination papers

570. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the examination paper leak incidents are increasing in the country;

(b) the number of such incidents during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to tackle this situation, which is dangerous for our standard of education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No Sir. As far as examinations being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there has been no case of leakage of question papers during the last two years (2005 & 2006). CBSE has also taken all possible measures to contain the possibility of leakage of question papers.

Review of centrally sponsored education schemes

571. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the progress of centrally sponsored education schemes quarterly;